

## Junior National Outdoor Championships.

On Saturday 1st July we travelled to Lilleshall for Rosie to compete in the Junior National Outdoor Championships. This Shoot is a huge affair consisting of over 300 competitors with an age range from 10 years to 18 years with 80 targets in use. The set up at Lilleshall is fantastic, Football pitches, hockey Pitches either grass or artificial surfaces, floodlit or non-floodlit ! Facilities second to none. In my opinion the best set up I have ever seen for a archery shoot

The competition started under grey skies with a slight breeze across the course, Rosie was shooting a metric IV which is 3 dozen at 40m and 3 dozen at 30m at a 120cm face then 3dozen at 20 metres and 3 dozen at 10 metres at a 80cm face . To add spice to the occasion Rosie was to shoot on the same target as one her closest rivals so the scene was set !

Rosie had two poor ends of sighters which had her stressing somewhat! However most archers know that whatever sighters you have the exact opposite occurs in competition and so it proved with Rosie who went on to shoot magnificently all day, achieving over 80 points per dozen to finish with a score of 1062. Not quite a PB but considering the occasion a brilliant achievement and enough to defeat her rivals by over 300 points. So at the end of day Rosie was Metric Champion and received her trophy in an hour long ceremony conducted in what could only be described as monsoon-like conditions! We retired to our tent cold , wet but very happy.

Day two was sunny and warm with a breeze again across the course. Today Rosie was shooting the Imperial round of a Bristol 4 , which is 6 dozen at 40 yards, 4 dozen at 30 yards and 2 dozen at 20 yards all on a 122cm face. This round incorporated the actual Junior Championship so again the scene was set with plenty at stake. Once more Rosie's shooting was top notch and she kept this up all day in what became very hot conditions . She never flagged all day and her final score of 975 not only beat her rivals by over 300 but also gave her a new UK record (she also beat the boys record) and gave her the Championship. She is now British Junior Outdoor Longbow Champion. This adds to the Indoor Championship she acquired last December.

A wonderful achievement made for a wonderful weekend much enjoyed by her proud parents, enhanced also by Martin and Kay who broke their summer holiday in Cambridge to travel over on Sunday to give Rosie their support and encouragement.

**Rob Elliott**



## Chantry Christmas Dinner

This year's Chantry Christmas Dinner will be on Saturday 9th December at Phoenix Sports Club. Anyone wishing to go please contact Colin Hope. Price is £20.00 per person for meal and disco. A deposit of £5 pp required asap



## Chantry Bowmen Annual Subs

We set the subscriptions for 2017-18 at the latest committee meeting. I arranged to be on the field 8th 10th 15th and 17th August to take payments and give receipts. Susan will be available after that for any latecomers who may have been unable to pay during that period but their membership cards may be delayed.

We are going to insist on a completed form with payment. Please find attached . An abridged copy of this (without my name and address) will be made available on the website.

We are asking for all payments to be made to me or Susan so that accurate records can be kept. Please pay promptly, using the correct form and to the appropriate people.

Anyone else - committee member or not - should refuse to take payments.

## Four Counties Longbow Shoot

Fantastic day for Chantry at the Four Counties longbow shoot. Colin won veteran gent and helped secure the team win for Yorkshire along with Sheila Hudson, Lewis Mitchell and Freddie Fairfield. Trevor won 3rd gent plus best gold at first end at both 50yds and 60yds. Kelly was 2nd place lady and won Jack and Jill along with Lee. Add to that most of the raffle prizes!!!



## Belvoir Archers Record Status Windsor Round

On Saturday 22nd July we travelled with Martin and Kay to the above shoot held at a village called Barnstone in the Vale of Belvoir (pronounced Beever), The location is ten miles west of Newark on the Notts/Leics border. I personally have not been to this part of the country before and I have to say it is worth a visit as it is very quiet and rural with beautiful countryside. The field is the most remote / isolated one we have ever been to, down a long country track to what seemed like the middle of nowhere. However it was well looked after, the grass being cut really short (so no wet feet) and well laid out offering a good shooting line for the archers and a lovely view up the vale for spectators. An added bonus was the close proximity to an airfield from which a sky diving club operated, so all day we had the attraction of planes taking off in the near distance and then some minutes later parachutes descending from the sky.

The weather was fine after the heavy early morning rain had cleared but there was a strong gusty wind blowing directly down the shoot into the archers faces making for difficult conditions. The round was a Windsor which is three dozen arrows at each distance of 60, 50 and 40 yards. There was no junior round so Rosie had to shoot with the seniors. Our archers shot well all day in what had become bright sunshine but with the same gusty wind blowing. However towards the end of the last three dozen arrows dark, ominous clouds appeared on the horizon and everyone got a spurt on to try to finish before the monsoon arrived! This was hampered by the wind becoming so strong that a boss was blown over resulting in a delay whilst extra fastenings were attached on all twenty targets,. Thankfully though the shoot was finished in time to get packed away before the rain came.

A good set of results for Chantry. Martin was first Gent, Kay third Lady and Rosie first Junior with a new UK record beating the old one by 158 points. The presentation was quite an event because as there were no indoor facilities this resulted in about fifty people crammed under a gazebo trying to shelter from the driving rain whilst observing the raffle draw and the prize giving.

We returned home wet, cold, but happy after a really enjoyable shoot at a welcoming, friendly club (which was made all the better by having a good number of longbow archers there who were all shooting together). I have no doubt that we will return next year.

**Rob Elliott**



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Tony and Judith were celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

